

## TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK, CAUSES WAR IN CHICAGO

Liquor Forces Accuse Local Option Workers of Trying  
to Corner Religion of the Nation—Asking for  
Prayers of Country.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The battle between the pro-liquor and no-liquor forces, which will come to issue April 5, developed into a discussion as to which side could rightfully claim the assistance of prayer and which the backing of the fundamental principles of the National Government.

The saloon forces accuse the "antis" of trying to corner all the religion in the campaign by appointing an hour for prayer for victory, and in an official statement yesterday announce that they too, believe in prayer.

On the other hand, the "wets" are charged with forming a monopoly of all the patriotism involved by distributing buttons on which an American flag and the words, "Liberty, Independence, Our Country" appear, and last night this same button was formally adopted as the campaign emblem of the "dry" forces.

The executive committee of the local option forces has for some time been considering the matter of a campaign button, but when the first opposition buttons came from the officers of the United Societies this week, it caused a stir in camp. After a meeting last night the committee gave out the following statement:

"After having seen the button issued by the opposition bearing the reproduction of the American flag and the inscription, 'Our Country, Liberty, and Independence,' we decided at once that the sentiments there expressed were peculiarly appropriate and thoroughly represented our principles. We believe it would be a reflection upon any one's patriotism to refuse to wear such a button, as the emblem of our campaign and advise all our friends and workers to wear the same. If our friends, the enemy, will adopt an emblem characteristic of the institution they defend, they will have a clear field for its use."

Referring to the action of the temperance workers in designating hours of daily prayer during the balance of the campaign, Nathan A. Cole, campaign manager of the Manufacturers and Merchants' Association, said yesterday:

"This is an assumption that these people are the chosen ones and that they represent the morality of the community. They undoubtedly are sincere and believe they are ordained for the work they are doing. But it is equally true that the people who in the past ages insisted upon making men religious by the rack and thumbscrew were sincere."

"We believe in prayer, but prayer cannot avail unless it be in a just cause. The good Anti-Saloon Leagues of Alabama prayed consistently for three months during the recent campaign to write prohibition in the constitution of that State. The answer to their prayer was a majority of 2,000 against the amendment."

Acting in co-operation with the United Societies, the Danish-American Society has called a meeting of the Danish citizens of Chicago in Wallula Hall, 2200 Wentworth avenue, March 20. Dr.

Max Henius, recently decorated by the King of Denmark, will be the principal speaker. Because they believe the success or failure of the fight in Chicago will reflect largely on the prohibition movement throughout the United States, the Illinois Anti-Saloon League is planning to enlist their sympathizers even in the most distant States in the campaign here. Already a call for universal prayer has been sent out, but it is planned to bring the outsiders more closely in touch with this work by calling on them for corporate as well as divine assistance.

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The soloists were Wilbur Peter, baritone, who sang as a substitute for Oscar Garreus, who could not appear because of a cold, and Mrs. Ethel Holtzclaw-Gawler, soprano. Oscar F. Comstock played the organ, and Arthur D. Mayo was at the piano.

### SHORTAGE ALLEGED.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 5.—Alleged shortage in the accounts of the quartermaster's office at Fort McPherson, has led to the arrest of Quartermaster Sergeant Carl H. Lennard and W. J. White, a negro civil service employee. An investigation is going on.

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